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R.M.M.L.F. TRUSTEES TO MEET IN MISSOULA

Officers and trustees of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation will have their annual business meeting in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute, scheduled for August 1, 2 and 3, at Montana State University, Missoula, Institute Director Robert E. Sullivan announced.

The foundation conducts the institute on oil and gas and mining law at one of its member schools each year, according to Sullivan, dean of the MSU Law School. Previous institutes were held at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Foundation officers are William J. Wehrli, Casper, Wyo., president; James Haughey, Billings, Mont., vice president; Clyde O. Martz, Boulder, Colo., executive secretary; and Howard M. Gullickson, Denver, Colo., treasurer.

Trustees representing law schools are Edward C. King, Colorado University; Thompson G. Marsh, Denver University; Edmund O. Belsheim, Nebraska University; Robert Hamilton, Wyoming University; Verle R. Seed, New Mexico University; Robert Swenson, Utah University; and Dean Sullivan, Montana State University. Trustees from member bar associations are Clayton L. Orn, American (Mineral Section); Arthur Thad Smith, Colorado; Robert P. Davidson, Montana; Paul L. Martin, Nebraska; Kenneth C. Kellar, South Dakota; John W. Gee, Wyoming; and Clair M. Senior, Utah. Trustees from industry associations are Frazer Arnold, Charles R. Enos, and Josiah G. Holland, Colorado Mining Assn.; C. W. Day, Jr., W. J. Wehrli, Thomas J. Files, and James Haughey, Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Assn.; and R. Lauren Moran, Wyoming Mining Assn.

Two separate oil and gas institutes in 1955 gave impetus to the establishment of the foundation, a non-profit corporation operated for educational and civic purposes and for the stimulation of research and discussion of mineral law problems, according to Dean

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Sullivan. An institute in Billings in May 1955, sponsored by the MSU Law School in cooperation with the bar associations of Montana and Yellowstone County, was followed in July 1955 by an institute in Boulder, Colo., sponsored by the Colorado Law School, the Colorado Bar Assn., the Colorado Mining Assn., and the Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Assn. These meetings led a group of interested attorneys and deans of law schools in the region to organize the foundation, which sponsors the annual institute on mineral law.

The foundation has expanded its program to include sponsorship of scholarships for students in its member law schools, an essay contest for law students, and the preparation and publication of a textbook on hard-rock mining law, the dean said. Foundation membership has also broadened to include industry associations as well as bar associations and law schools, he added.

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